

MINUTES

KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

Conference Call Meeting

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 7 A.M. by Board President Dr. Bogue. Board Members participating in addition to Dr. Bogue were Drs. Bentz, Dodson, Kobuszewski, Layton, Ritter, and Mr. Allen. Also present during the conference call were Dr. William Brown, Dr. Dirk Hanson, Konrad Coe, Cheryl Mermis, Dr. Justin Smith, KDA legal counsel Robert Large, KDA Assistant Secretary Susan Metzger, and Megan Kilgore, Executive Director of the KVMA-Kansas Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Bogue welcomed and thanked those in attendance. Dr. Dodson moved to adopt the meeting agenda as proposed. Dr. Kobuszewski seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

With one correction to the minutes of the previous meeting pertaining to the agency acronym, Dr. Layton made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as corrected and read. Dr. Dodson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

Dr. Hanson led the discussion on the regulation changes to K.A.R. 70-1-1 through K.A.R. 70-10-1; board members had reviewed proposed language changes at the October meeting with a second presentation at the December 4th meeting. A couple of items were identified during the last meeting; the board asked for added language in veterinary premise and mobile veterinary clinic; minimum requirements relative to radiology, to include "thyroid shield" to K.A.R. 70-6-1; the added language now reads, "Leaded"-aprons, thyroid shields and either gloves or mitts shall be available for anyone helping to restrain or position patients during radiography."

Also noted and inserted as new additional language since the last meeting for the board to consider pertain to standards of practice K.A.R. 70-7-1(G)(2); "Upon request of a client, each licensed veterinarian shall provide a written prescription for a prescription drug to a client in lieu of dispensing the prescription drug." Both Drs. Bentz and Dodson queried Megan Kilgore as to whether the KVMA board had a chance to review the language, Megan responded affirmatively and relayed that she had not heard any negative reactions from the members.

Dr. Bogue asked Megan and board members if there were any additional comments on the revised and additional language to the regulations, having no further comments Dr. Bogue asked for a motion to approve the revisions.

Dodson made a motion to approve the revised language changes as read. Dr. Ritter seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote with no dissenting votes.

The board members received KDA's proposed legislation for permanent merging of the KBVE into the KDA at the 12/4/2015 meeting; having had a few weeks for the board to review the language Dr. Bogue encouraged board members to share any concerns or ask questions on the language that KDA has presented. Several board members agreed they have concerns such as the board's loss of authority to adopt and amend rules and regulations; the inability to hire or terminate the executive director/staff; there is currently some contention of a recently overruled board decision/-order-. Several board members voiced concern about the -future impact of leadership changes.

-Comment was made as to how the merger will affect the boards' abilities to perform the duties to promote public health, safety and welfare relative to the practice of veterinary medicine.

Several board members acknowledged reviewing AAVSB's recently released third survey results-handout from the 12/4/2015 meeting., - From that report, members echoed that there are other viable options for a fee funded licensing entity that are not under the auspices of the department of agriculture. While there have been some -obstacles to overcome board members have acknowledged seeing some benefits to a merge, such as legal and legislative support, legislature buffering, being able to leverage KDA to build and defend the budget every 2 years and the opportunity to share the Executive Director position with other divisions.

It was noted that there have been four new board appointments subsequent to the initial trial period (Allen, Bentz, Dodson, Ritter). A request was made of Robert Large, Chief Legal Counsel, to edit the proposed language to address the preservation of lost authority and mission oversight to the board but still maintain the working relationship. Mr. Large responded that he would work on this with anticipated language in 7-10 working days. But he added that all changes would have to be vetted through the Secretary of Ag prior to them being considered by the board. Board members agreed the next discussion should be a face-to-face meeting with all interested stakeholders, in Manhattan, with the board finalizing a decision with a majority vote. Robert Large and Susan Metzger relayed that they would share the board's concerns with Secretary McClaskey. A Manhattan meeting will be scheduled prior to the meetings scheduled in Topeka on February 2nd & 3rd, 2016.

With no other business to discuss Dr. Bogue asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Layton moved that the meeting be adjourned, Dr. Kobuszewski seconded. Motion passed.

Having no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 8:05am.

Signed _____

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